GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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DELICENSING OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to de-licence nineteen hazardous chemicals, which are under compulsory licencing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers have been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): In the process of review of laws, regulations, statutes and simplifications of procedures, Government is continuously reviewing the list of industries under compulsory licensing. The focus of the review is on development and promotion of industries rather than on regulation. The review of the industrial policy including licensing matters, procedures and their implementation, with a view to facilitate industrial growth, is an on-going process with the Government. Presently, hazardous chemical are in the list of industries requiring compulsory licensing. Government is in constant touch with the concerned Ministries including Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in its process of review.